Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(canceled)**

2. **(previously presented)** A method of selecting data for use in decoding an embedded watermark in compressed multimedia data, comprising:

- calculating a quality metric for a given part of the compressed multimedia data, based on the degree of compression of the multimedia data;
- including in a watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is higher than a certain threshold, and;
- excluding from the watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is lower than the threshold,

wherein the method additionally includes using the same quality metric to select data to use in a scale-detection process performed before the watermark decoding process.

3. **(canceled)**

4. **(previously presented)** A method of selecting data for use in decoding an embedded watermark in compressed multimedia data, comprising:

- calculating a quality metric for a given part of the compressed multimedia data, based on the degree of compression of the multimedia data;
- including in a watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is higher than a certain threshold, and;
- excluding from the watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is lower than the threshold,

wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of one of the following parameters associated with the compressed data stream: Quantisation factors; the number of Variable Length Codewords (VLCs) used to code a data frame; Motion Vectors.

5. **(previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of a plurality of parameters associated with the compressed data stream.

6. **(previously presented)** A method of selecting data for use in decoding an embedded watermark in compressed multimedia data, comprising:

- calculating a quality metric for a given part of the compressed multimedia data, based on the degree of compression of the multimedia data;
- including in a watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is higher than a certain threshold, and;
- excluding from the watermark decoding process, the given part, if its quality metric is lower than the threshold,

wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of an analysis of base-band data.

7. **(previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of a measure of the energy of a frame.

8. **(previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the quality metric is calculated on the basis of a plurality of parameters associated with the base-band data.

9. **(canceled)**

10. **(canceled)**